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## 7 INDICTMENTS ARE RETURNED BY GRAND JURY

Four Boys Who Robbed Len Wai Store And Planned Bank Robbery As Start On Career As Bad Men Are Included

### TRIAL JURY CALLED FOR MONDAY

Juries May Be Held For Balance Of Year If Continuous Court Term Bill Passes Soon In Legislature—Other Investigators Possible

The second circuit court grand jury which was convened for the March term of court on Wednesday morning, completed its work the same day and was excused for the time being, but not discharged. It is stated that other matters are likely to be brought to the attention of the inquisitorial body before the court term ends.

There is also a possibility that the bill now in the legislature creating a permanent court term for Maui, the same as in other parts of the territory, will become a law before the present term ends, in which event the jury panels drawn for the March term will continue to serve until the end of the present calendar year, subject to call from time to time as occasion may warrant.

Seven indictments

The criminal calendar will be short this term, only 7 indictments being returned by the grand jury. No cases of "no bill" were reported.

Of the indictments found two are for the quartet of Lahaina boys who burglarized the Len Wai store, Lahaina, some months ago for the purpose of securing firearms with which to hold up the officers of the Lahaina bank, which later plans fell through.

The other cases are of minor importance.

The following are the prestments returned as true bills:

Territory of Hawaii vs. Torasin Yamamoto and Alfred Vierra, burglary 1st degree.

Territory of Hawaii vs. Kealoha

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## Debate On League Of Nations Next Week

Interesting Discussion Planned For Wednesday Evening Under Auspices Of The New 4-Minute Club—Public Is Invited

The Maui Four-Minute Men's Club, a new organization which came into being last week, and which is composed of the men on Maui who served the government as speakers on the war in Maui theaters, has arranged to give a public debate on the proposed League of Nations, next Wednesday evening. The discussion will take place at the Kahului Community House, and everybody interested in this greatest of present world problems is invited. It will be free.

The question, as it will be debated, is—"Resolved, That the proposed League of Nations will not be for the best interests of the United States."

The affirmative side of this proposition will be taken by E. R. Bevins and Judge L. L. Burr, and the negative, by D.H. Case, and Rev. J. Charles Villiers. The affirmative side will open and close the discussion.

### Time Strictly Limited

Each speaker will be given 15 minutes in which to make his argument, and the committee in charge announces that this time limit will be strictly enforced. A warning bell will be rung at the expiration of 12 minutes, and at 15 minutes it will be rung until he sits down. This restriction was decided upon in fairness to the other speakers and for the sake of the audience.

At the close of the formal debate it is proposed to have a number of 5-minute talks by others who may care for the privilege, or for asking questions.

### Nations To Be Represented

Under direction of Supervising Principal H. M. Wells, and Miss Crickard, it has also been arranged to have a number of young ladies represent in costume the five principal allied nations—the United States, Great Britain, France, Italy and Japan, and these will sing a verse of the several national songs or anthems.

The debate is to begin at 8 o'clock.

### McVEIGH RENAMED MAGISTRATE AT MOLOKAI SETTLEMENT

John D. McVeigh, superintendent of the Molokai Settlement, was reappointed by Governor McCarthy last week for another two years' term as second district magistrate of Kalapapa.

## Woman Meets Quick Death Under Wheel

Falls From Step Of Truck While Riding To Work And Dies Almost Instantly—Truck Was Overcrowded At The Time

Slipping from the step of an auto truck on which she was riding to work, on Wednesday morning, Mrs. Aoki Takahai, an employee of the Wailuku Sugar Company, fell beneath the vehicle and was instantly killed. The accident occurred on one of the plantation roads a short distance above the main government road at Wailuku.

The unfortunate woman had left her home in Wailuku about 5 o'clock in the morning with other cane cultivators, and had been carried to Wailuku by a big plantation truck. There the gang transferred to a small converted Ford truck to be carried some half mile or more from the main road to the fields where they were to work. The little truck was badly overcrowded, according to the reports of witnesses, from 20 to 30 having piled upon it, while a number of others who could not get on were walking the rest of the distance.

The victim of the accident was standing on the step beside the driver's seat, and when she slipped or stepped off her body shot under the truck and one hind wheel passed across her shoulder and neck. An autopsy revealed that the death was due to a fracture at the base of the skull, probably caused by the fall.

The truck was being driven by Joe Rodriguez, and was in charge of Joe Correa, Sr., the luna. It had but just started and was running very slowly and on smooth road, when the accident occurred. No blame attaches to anyone so far is known, other than through the overcrowding of the truck.

The woman was about 20 years of age and is survived by a husband. It was her first day's work in the Wailuku section. An inquest is being held this afternoon.

## MAUI FOLK DROP OUT OF WAIKAEA HOMESTEAD RACE

Several, However, Stick And Draw Good Lots—Everybody Had Chance On Account Of Those Disqualified Or Faint-Hearted

### SEVERAL LOTS REMAIN UNTAKEN

Homesteaders Form Association For Mutual Help—Charges Against Growing Cane Crop Will Be \$80 Per Acre

(Special to Maui News)

HILO, March 17.—J. N. K. Keola, of Wailuku, Maui, was one of the lucky ones in the selection of Waikaea homestead lots last week. He selected homestead lot No. 1205 and house lot No. 401-5. Although not high on the list Mr. Keola got a very good lot for the reason that a very great number did not appear to claim their lots, or were disqualified.

Several other Maui applicants for some reason did not see fit to make selections although they had opportunity to get excellent lots. Two sisters, the Misses Pinheiro, of Makawao, both had rights for early choices and were present at the selections but decided to forego their opportunity. One of the girls had No. 29 and the other No. 30. While there were but 183 lots in the tract, so many dropped out for one reason or another that the numbers were still 6 lots untaken when the entire list of over 2000 numbers had been called.

### Others Who Took Lots

The following Maui people also were on hand and made selections as follows:

Moses Kauhimahu, Wailuku; Laura

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## 2-Cent Postage Again In Effect On July 1

Postmaster Costa has been advised by the postoffice department that the old rates of 2-cent letter postage and 1-cent postal cards will go into effect again on July 1, in accordance with act of congress approved February 24. All postmasters are directed to make provision for disposing of their surplus 3-cent stamps and 2-cent postal cards before that time, and to supply themselves with the new issues.

## POLITICS BACK OF OPPOSITION TO WOMEN VOTE

Unless Popular Pressure Is Overwhelming Measure Certain To Be Defeated—Much Confusing Of Issues

### FIGHT TO SAVE COMPENSATION BILL

Lahaina May Get Another Park And Public Building—Federal Farm Loan Resolution Passes House—Tourist Bureau Advocated

By HOWARD D. CASE

(Special Correspondent Maui News.)

HONOLULU, March 19.—If any weight is to be given reports now in circulation in the legislative halls, nothing short of a compromise can save the woman suffrage bill from complete defeat in the house of representatives. According to the present alignment of the opposition, there are ample votes to lay the measure away in the grave for good and all, at least as far as the 1919 session is concerned.

The principal opposition is being voiced by the outside island members. Representatives Brown, Joseph, Paschoal and Waialeale of the Maui delegation have been voting against the measure. Representatives Tavares and Kaunahewa have been supporting it. Reports in the lobby have it that politics is back of the entire opposition, and it is not difficult to see that the opponents are holding over the measure an ax that it likely to fall at any moment unless there is a compromise.

### Would Ball Up Politics

It is asserted that the passage of the woman suffrage bill, thus allowing the weaker sex to vote immediately, would be simply throwing a wrench into the political machinery of the outside islands, which, it is claimed, is well-oiled and scheduled to run along certain cut and dried lines, at the coming primary and election. Giving the vote to the women at present it is claimed, would batter these pur-

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## Are The Philippines Within United States?

County Attorney Bevins Thinks They Are And Accident Board Will Therefore Try To Secure Compensation To Widow And Children

The question of whether or not a resident of the Philippine Islands is an alien, or whether the Philippines are outside of the United States, within the meaning of the workmen's compensation law, may be definitely settled through a case now before the Maui Industrial accident board.

The case in question arises from the death of a Filipino laborer named Ramundo Magbaleta, on the Kipahulu plantation, on September 15, 1917. The man was working at repairing a flume on a trestle between 150 and 200 feet high across a ravine, when a timber on which he was standing broke and he fell into a pool of water below. The body was not found until the following day, when an autopsy disclosed that the man's skull had been fractured.

Although the deceased was reported to have had a wife and two children in the Philippines, the company, on advice of the insurance company, declined to acknowledge any liability compensation on the grounds that the dependents were aliens not living in the United States.

### County Attorney Disagrees

County Attorney E. R. Bevins opposed this view in an official opinion given some time ago, in which he holds that the Philippine Islands are not outside of the United States within the meaning of the law.

At the meeting of the industrial accident board held last Tuesday, certified copies of a marriage certificate and of officials of the Philippine Islands, sent through the Governor General's office, were filed indicating that the deceased was survived by a widow and two children, at Badoc, Ilocos Norte, P. I., and that they are in dire poverty.

The board instructed that steps be taken at once to have a settlement made for the benefit of the dependents, with view of testing the status of Filipinos in the courts if necessary.

### ST. PATRICK'S DANCE A SUCCESS

The St. Patrick's Day dance at the Grand Hotel last Monday evening was a most enjoyable affair for some 40 couples who kept the excellent floor warm until long after midnight. The dance was one of the largest affairs of the kind to be held in Wailuku for some time.

## Three Games For Big League Now Assured

Paia Will Put In One And Puunene-Kahului Another—Interest Warming Up In National Sport—Practice Games To Be Played Sunday

The outlook for a good baseball season is better than it was last week. Since the meeting of the local ball magnates a week ago last Monday, it has become practically certain that Paia will have a senior team in the field, and that a combination Puunene-Kahului team will also be in the league. These, with the Wailuku team already assured, indicate that there will be some good sport during the coming season. It is probable that there will be no junior teams outside of the three Wailuku teams already reported.

The Paia team will be under direction of Foster Robinson of J. M. McDermott, while John Makahio and William McGerrow will be responsible for the Puunene-Kahului aggregation. The candidates for places on this last named team will be given a try-out next Sunday at Puunene when the various positions will be filled.

### Hilo Trip Interests

The prospect of being asked to send a team to Hilo for the Fourth of July is interesting the players of Maui generally, and there promises to be considerable rivalry for a place on the All-Maui team that will be picked for this trip, in case the plans go through.

### Practice Game Sunday

Two junior teams will play a practice game on the Wailuku diamond on Sunday. They are the All-Stars and the Japanese Athletics. The game will probably be watched with considerable interest by fans with view of getting a line on coming players.

A meeting of the athletic committee of the Maui County Fair & Racing Association will be held next Monday evening at the chamber of commerce rooms at which time steps will be taken for framing a schedule for the season's play, and settling other details.

## JAPANESE WAS FINE HAND AT BOOZE MAKING

Police Capture Highly Efficient Moonshine Still In Plantation Camp House In Active Operation Still Most Complete

### POLICEMAN'S NOSE LED TO PLANT

Goichi Was Making Good Profit On Side—Sheriff Expects Other Raids Soon—Says Many Plants Are Working On Maui

Business is picking up in the moonshining business. That is, from the police standpoint.

Yesterday afternoon Sheriff Crowell and his sleuths walked into the home of Sasaki Goichi, an engine wiper and an old-time employee of the Wailuku Sugar Co., and came away with the most complete distilling apparatus that has yet come to light on Maui. Also with Sasaki and with several gallons of high-power white lightning, which the latter has produced from rice with the aid of his still.

The raid came about through the keen nose of Thomas Kreuger, of the Wailuku police force, who reported to Sheriff Crowell that he had been attracted first by the smell of "beer," and following his nose, had finally spotted Goichi carrying a suspicious looking keg into his house. When the police descended upon the place they found the still running full blast, and dripping out high proof spirits at the rate of a quart an hour.

### Well Made Apparatus

The still was made of two 5-gallon kerosene tins, one of which stood upon the stove and contained the mash, and the other served as the condenser.

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### REV. AND MRS. PLEASANT DEPART

Rev. and Mrs. E. E. Pleasant, of Kahului were given an impromptu farewell on last Monday evening before they started for Lahaina to take the boat for Honolulu, enroute to the coast to spend a several months vacation. A large crowd of their friends gathered at the Kahului community house, and waved their alohas as the popular couple drove away. They were passengers from Honolulu on Wednesday's Sackham for San Francisco.

## ITALIANS MAY BREAK HARMONY OF NATIONS

Unless Croatian Seaport Is Promised Them Now Delegates To Peace Conference Threaten To Withdraw—Evidently Situation Is Serious—Foch Demands Control Of Rhine District For France—House Defeats Compensation Act Amendment—Reform School Board Resigns

### ITALIANS THREATEN TO BREAK HARMONY

(By The Associated Press)

PARIS, March 21.—The Italian delegation to the peace conference has decided to withdraw from the conference unless Fiume is assigned to Italy contemporaneously with the conclusion of peace.

The decision was reached at a meeting of Italy's full delegation, with Orlando presiding. The result was immediately communicated to the other powers.

Col. House promised Orlando to present soon the project concerning the Italian-Jugo Slav frontier which he hopes will settle all disputes.

### MANY DRAFT EVADERS TO BE PROSECUTED

(By The Associated Press)

HONOLULU, March 21.—Major H. Gooding Field will take up with District Attorney Huber between 500 and 600 cases of Hawaii men who deserted or wilfully evaded the draft. Many prosecutions are expected.

### GERMANS WOULD KNOW THE BITTER TRUTH

(By The Associated Press)

BASEL, March 21.—The president of the German armistice commission has presented a note to the inter-Allied delegates asking if Germany is to consider as true the British and French press statements that the peace treaty will be ready for Germans soon, and that President Wilson has approved it, but that Germans will not be allowed to discuss or modify the document.

### EASY REMEDY—GET NEW CREWS

(By The Associated Press)

BERLIN, March 21.—Two of the steamers scheduled to sail in accordance with the agreement of Germany and Allies' food commission, have been prevented from leaving Hamburg by seamen refusing to operate the ships as demanded by the Entente.

### U-BOATS STILL BEING TURNED OVER

(By The Associated Press)

BASEL, March 21.—The German submarines have left Hamburg to be delivered to the Entente.

### FOOD PRICE DECLINE SLOWLY

(By The Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, March 21.—Food prices declined 6 percent during the month ending February 15, but are still 9 percent higher than a year ago, and 75 percent higher than in 1913.

### FOCH DEMANDS CONTROL OF RHINE

(By The Associated Press)

PARIS, March 21.—"The Rhine is our only good line of defense. I do not demand its annexation, but if we do not secure it as a military frontier we have fought in vain." This statement was made by General Foch, according to the Paris Matin. In discussing the last days of the war he said—"Wonderful soldiers gave us the victory. We signed the armistice, in spite of the certainty of crushing the German armies, to avoid killing one more man, because it gave us everything necessary to secure a French victory."

### AUSTRIANS MAY WANT INDEPENDENCE OF GERMANY

(By The Associated Press)

LONDON, March 21.—German-Austria, according to Berlin newspapers, has expressed the desire for independent representation at the peace conference. It also wants the question of union with Germany postponed until the conference concludes its work.

### LUXEMBURG WOULD MAINTAIN INDEPENDENCE

(By The Associated Press)

PARIS, March 21.—The chamber of deputies of Luxembourg has voted to maintain an independent autonomy for the grand duchy.

### HOUSE DEFEATS REACTIONARY BILL

(By The Associated Press)

HONOLULU, March 20.—Voting 16 to 14, the House finally defeated Andrews's bill giving injured employees the choice of accepting a compensation award of an industrial accident board or of bringing suit in court for damages for injuries. Representatives Lewis and Rawlins vigorously attacked the measure, saying it was designed to restore to lawyers the old 50-50 damage suit business.

### NEW CITIZENS GOING TO COAST FAST

(By The Associated Press)

HONOLULU, March 20.—The Japanese soldiers which Judge Vaughan recently naturalized, are going to California as fast as they can obtain passage.

### REFORM SCHOOL BOARD SORE—WILL QUIT

(By The Associated Press)

HONOLULU, March 20.—The board of industrial schools today sent a communication to Governor McCarthy tendering their resignations and declaring that many conditions which the grand jury cited had been long known and had been presented to the attention of the governor and legislature many times, but that funds were denied for improvements thus leaving them helpless. The board also made recommendations for improvements of the boys' school. It said that J. Ashman Beven, chairman of the grand jury investigating committee, had applied for former superintendent Anderson's job and had at that time been rejected.